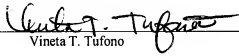


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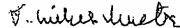
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Applicants request that that the Appeal pending for the above-identified application be withdrawn. The instant application has been refiled as a continuation application, US Application No. 12/043,006.

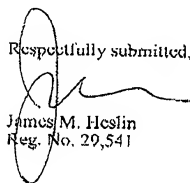
This request for withdrawal of the Appeal is being made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.138.

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